

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-13. (canceled)

14. (currently amended) A method for the preparation of solid crystallized catalyst carrier, comprising forming crystallized carrier inside of a chamber, and generating with an acoustic generator disposed within the chamber a sound having an intensity of at least 100 dB and a duration of 1 to 10 seconds for loosening the carrier from the walls of the chamber.

15. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 14, in which the sound has a frequency of 20 to 5000 Hz.

16. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the sound has a frequency of 100 to 1000 Hz.

17. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the sound has a frequency of 400 to 600 Hz.

18. (canceled)

19. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the duration of the sound is 3 to 7 seconds.

20. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the sound is generated periodically at intervals of 0.2 to 2 minutes.

21. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the sound is generated periodically at intervals of 0.3 to 0.7 minutes.

22. (canceled)